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MESSAGE:

Pursuant to our conversation on Thursday March 30, 2000, please find attached a proposed amendment to the claims.

The proposed amendment to claims 40 and 41 rewrites each claim in independent form including all of the limitations of claim 39 thus following the Examiner's suggestion made during a telephone conversation with Victor E. Johnson on March 10, 2000. The dependency of claim 26 has been changed to claim 41 and the dependency of claims 29, and 30 have been changed to claim 40.

The proposed amendment to claims 20, 23, 27, and 28 rewrites each claim in independent form including all of the limitations of cancelled claim 39, and are believed to be allowable over the prior art of record. Claims 31 and 43 were amended make the term --counter-electrode-- consistent throughout the claims.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call Victor E. Johnson at (650) 494-8700.

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